

REMARKS

Initially, applicants would like to thank Examiner Nguyen for granting an interview and for her time during the interview. Applicants would also like to thank Supervisory Examiner Young for attending the interview and for his time spent during the interview.

The application is amended as discussed at the interview to define over the art of record and place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-8 were previously pending in the application. New claim 9 is added. Therefore, claims 1-9 are presented for consideration.

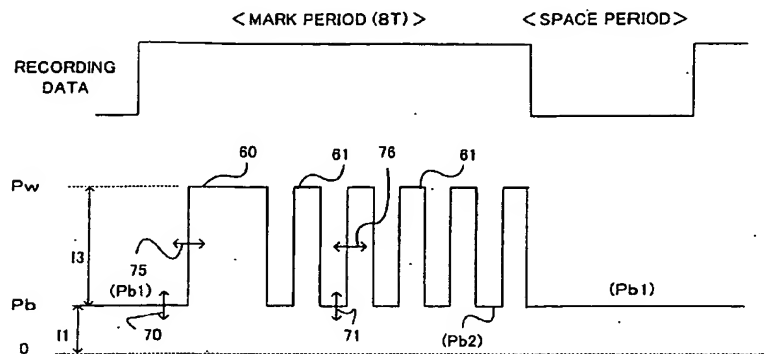
Claims 1-8 were rejected as being anticipated by KOICHIRO JP 11102523. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended as discussed at the interview and recites among other features that as an edge position of a bias power level increases or decreases from a predetermined value, an edge position of a write power level has a corresponding left or right movement.

As pointed out at the interview by way of example, Figure 1A of the present application, reproduced below, shows a pulse waveform varying between a first level, for example, bias power level P_b as indicated by arrow 70. As the edge position of the bias power level increases or decreases from a predetermined

value, the edge position of the write power level has a corresponding left or right movement as indicated by arrow 75.

FIG. 1A



As pointed out at the interview Figures 4-1 and 4-2 of KOICHIRO show two examples of variation of power with respect to time. However, these examples show an increase or decrease in P_{high} corresponding to an increase or decrease in P_{low} . KOICHIRO does not disclose that as the edge position of the bias power level increases or decreases from a predetermined value, the edge position of the write power level has a corresponding left or right movement as recited.

As KOICHIRO does not disclose that which is recited,
KOICHIRO does not anticipate claim 1.

Claims 2-7 depend from claim 1 and further define the invention and are also believed patentable over KOICHIRO at least for depending from an allowable independent claim.

Claim 8 is an independent method claim and recites that as the edge position of the bias power level increases or

decreases from a predetermined value, the edge position of the write power level has a corresponding left or right movement. The analysis above regarding claim 1 is equally applicable to claim 8.

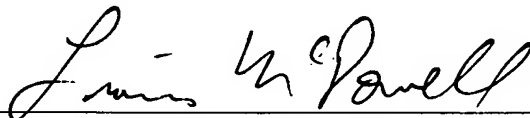
New claim 9 includes a similar limitation and is also believed to define over KOICHIRO. Support for claim 1 can be found on page 6, lines 3-13 and in Figures 1A and 1B.

In view of the present amendment and foregoing Remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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